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Applicant: Naoaki KODAIRA et al.

Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF ORIGINAL IMAGE

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 21, 23, and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 4-20, 22, and 25-41 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."